



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of August 8, 2024

**Supervisors Present:** Chairman: Chris Hughes; Vice Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Jacob Quade, PR&I: Carol Krosch

**Staff Present:** District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz

**Guests:** County Commissioner: Kevin Paap

**Proceedings:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Hughes at 4:00 p.m.

**Pledge:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## HOUSEKEEPING

**Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed, Quade moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Krosch.

**Motion adopted.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the July 11, 2024, minutes, seconded by Krosch. **Motion adopted.**

**Treasurer's Report:** (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 805,655.30
Receipts	\$ 96,604.45
Disbursements	\$ 44,876.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 857,383.67</b>

**Kuduk** presented the Treasurer's Report for July and requested to pay the Supervisor per diems, which were read by each Supervisor. Rollings moved to file the July treasurer's report subject to audit and pay Supervisor per diems as read, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Paap** presented the County Commissioner report. The annual budget and the Rapidan Dam are the current focus for the County Board. He gave an update on the MN River-Mankato kickoff event he attended. There was further discussion regarding the Rapidan Dam and the County Road 9 bridge and what options the county has.

**District Manager: Bach** presented the District Manager report (see attached).

## COST SHARE CONTRACTS:

### 1FY23 (WASCOB)

**Fritz** presented the letter from Gerald Wolff requesting to cancel contract 1FY23 for the proposed WASCOB. Shanahan moved to approve the request to cancel contract 1FY23, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

### **WBIF-WW-24-07-06 (Septic System)**

**Kuduk** presented the request for a \$5,000 incentive payment for the replacement of a non-compliant septic system. Rollings moved to encumber \$5,000 to be paid by the Watonwan WBIF grant for contract WBIF-WW-24-07-06, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **FY23 Local Capacity Grant Closeout:**

**Kuduk** reviewed the expense report for the FY23 Local Capacity Grant, which will be submitted for final closeout approval to BWSR through the eLink system.

#### **FY23 Buffer Law Grant Closeout:**

**Kuduk** reviewed the expense report for the FY23 Buffer Law Grant, which will be submitted for final closeout approval to BWSR through the eLink system.

#### **2024 SWCD Aid Payment Guidelines Resolution:**

**Bach** reviewed Resolution No. 2024R-02, which details the guidelines on how Blue Earth County SWCD will spend SWCD Aid. Rollings moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024R-02 regarding SWCD Aid, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

#### **FY25 Water Quality and Storage Grant Agreement – CD56**

**Bach** presented the FY25 Water Quality and Storage grant agreement. Rollings moved to approve the FY25 Water Quality and Storage grant agreement and authorize Bach to sign the agreement electronically on behalf of the board, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

#### **2024 Outstanding Conservationist:**

**Fritz** opened the discussion of who the board would like to nominate for the 2024 Outstanding Conservationist Award. The board was presented with a list of possible candidates by the SWCD staff and the work they have done. Krosch moved to select Randy Depuydt as the 2024 SWCD Outstanding Conservationist and nominate Collin Nienhaus for the 2024 MASWCD Teacher Award, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

#### **2024 BWSR Academy Registration**

**Bach** reviewed the estimated costs to send staff to the 2024 BWSR Academy on October 28 – 31. Bach requested to send all 4 staff to this year's BWSR Academy and close the office during that time. Krosch approved 4 staff to attend the 2024 BWSR Academy and to close the SWCD office on October 28-31, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Quade** – Gave feedback from the Governance 101 training that was attended last month.

**Rollings** – Reported on the last Blue Earth River 1W1P by providing a handout showing the current work being completed in the planning process.

**Krosch** – Gave feedback from the Governance 101 training that was attended last month.

**Shanahan** – No update.

**Hughes** – Reported on the current happenings of the Le Sueur River 1W1P.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business Hughes adjourned the meeting.

- \* Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
- \* Next regular meeting will be held September 5, 2024
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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